--- "Series of 1880-81" - TOBACCO - Division Open - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/10th pound - lithographed in RED ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 238 x 20 mm. ---

The Warehousing Series of "1880-81" red strips had been declared *obsolete* by the Inland Revenue Department on July 1st 1883 (and upon recall, over February / March 1888) BABN 'Delivered' their remaining 32,066 red 1/10th pound strips, both *control-numbered* and *control-free*, in perforated and in imperforate form to the Department, and thus originates the multiplicity of Brandom listed strips. I can see no other reason for the existence of a *control-numbered* imperforate strip - it was simply *unfinished stock*. The same can be said for the *control-free* perforated, rouletted and imperforate strips. They are plainly just anomalies, and they should be collected as such - i.e. not given a separate catalogue number.

John McKay records that 1,751,000 *lithographed* copies of 1-10th "Red Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). He has grouped the Division "Open" and the Division "Specific" stamps.

McKay further records that 32,066 *lithographed* copies of 1/10 lb. "Red Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) which was reserved for *obsolete* BABN production 'Delivered' to the Department in February / March 1888. As of July 1st 1883, all red warehousing strips have been declared *obsolete*

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	1,751,000
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	32,066
	1,783,066

The final 'upper-limit' control number on the 1/10th pound red TOBACCO strips – collected to date

Division Open	**024094**
Montreal Division	**134265**
Montreal Division - M 34	**240555**
Quebec Division	**010294**
Quebec Division - N 34	**601449**
Toronto Division	**010751**
Toronto Division - C 34	none
Windsor Division	**013400**
Windsor Division - G 34	**341712**
	1,377,520

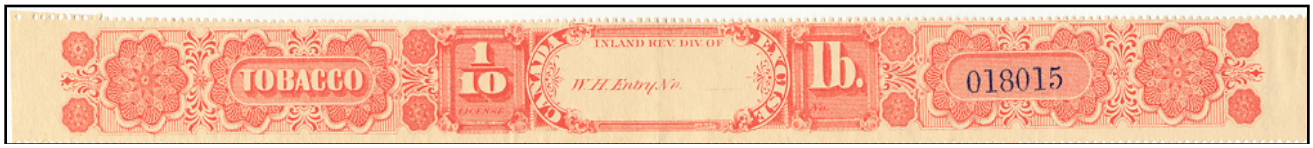
The catalogue lists the 1/10th pound, red, Division Open, TOBACCO warehousing strip as follows:

RP-155 - 1/10th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RP-155n - 1/10th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - ***four copies, plus a sheet of twelve***

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of the perforated 1/5th pound Division Open strip lithographed in red ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, with *faint 5 mm. blue control* numbers. **WANTED!**
These faint blue control numbered strips were probably prepared for a philatelic exhibition in the early 1880's.

--- RP-155 - *perforated 12* - with 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---



RP-155 - 1/10th pound, red, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **018015**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

018015★	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
018045	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
018046-47	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
018061	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
018072	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
024002	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
024036	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
024064	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
024070	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
024068-69	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
024094	RP-155	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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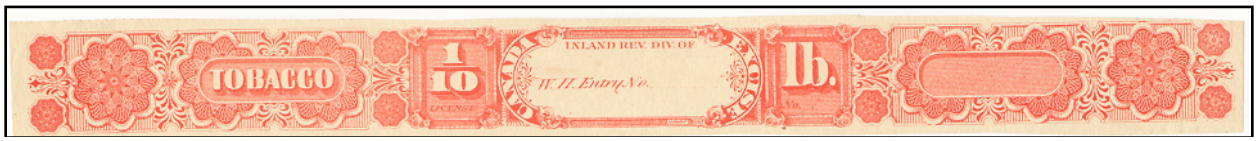
The following imperforate strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a special catalogue number.



1/10th pound, red, *imperforate*, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

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